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SUBJECT: DROBOT CASE

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 16446; (B) NEW DELHI 16439

1. WESTINGHOUSE REPRESENTATIVES DAVID MILLER AND LEO WRIGHT CALLED ON DEPTOFFS DECEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS DROBOT CASE. MILLER CONFIRMED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS CONCERNING WESTINGHOUSE DECISION DISCONTINUE FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS IN DELHI, CLOSE WESTINGHOUSE OFFICE IN INDIA, AND RETIRE DROBOT.

2. DURING DISCUSSION IDEA SURFACED THAT WESTINGHOUSE SHOULD CONSIDER POSSIBLE LAST-DITCH APPROACH TO AMBASSADOR KAUL IN HOPE THAT HE MIGHT WEIGH IN WITH GOI IN EFFORT TO AVOID MESSY TRIAL. WE WOULD BE READY TO SECOND WESTINGHOUSE PITCH WITH INDIANS HERE AND THINK YOU MIGHT DO SAME IN DELHI.

3. DROBOT'S CURRENT INTENTIONS SEEN AS STUMBLING BLOCK AND WE DISCUSSED WITH WESTINGHOUSE ADVISABILITY OF THEIR TRYING FIND SOME WAY HEAD OFF POSSIBLE ATTEMPT BY HIM TO LEAVE INDIA PENDING OUTCOME EFFORT WITH KAUL IF

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WESTINGHOUSE DECIDES TO PURSUE THIS ROUTE.

4. WESTINGHOUSE REPS SAID THEY WILL LET US KNOW OF
THEIR DECISION SHORTLY. AS WE SEE THINGS, THERE IS NOT
MUCH TO LOSE IN ONE MORE TRY TO REACH SETTLEMENT OF THIS
UNFORTUNATE CASE. INGERSOLL

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